

MAP LIBRARY DIVISION

REPORT ON THE VISIT OF THE CLARKE COMMITTEE

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The visit was quite brief. [REDACTED] explained that he was allowed only 40 minutes. Actual time in the Library was 45 minutes. Most of this time was spent in the Office of the Chief. The majority of the questions were asked by [REDACTED]. A few were asked by [REDACTED]. 25X9A6

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I. Questions and Answers on the Map Library as a Whole:

QUESTION: What is the mission of the Map Library?

ANSWER: (a) The mission is the map reference service to CIA, the Department of State and to intelligence research personnel in the Department of Defense and other parts of Government.

(b) This Library performs a greater procurement function than would be normal for a library. It has the responsibility for the coordination of procurement for all U. S. mapping agencies. This developed when the Division was in the Department of State and has since been continued.

QUESTION: Is your interest primarily in foreign maps rather than U. S. maps, is it not?

ANSWER: Yes. Our holdings of the U. S. maps are negligible.

QUESTION: What is your definition of a map? Does it include charts, graphs?

ANSWER: It includes graphic representation, if it showed areal distribution. An example was shown of a map which showed bar graphs in different areas.

QUESTION: Do you hold one copy of every map procured?

ANSWER: No. We do not hold extremely large scale topographic maps. The Army Map Service has prime responsibility for topographic maps. CIA Map Library is the special subject map library in Government and has prime responsibility for servicing all agencies with these maps.

QUESTION: What is your T/O? What type do you employ?

ANSWER: Our T/O is 48. Thirty-nine of these are professionals and 9 are clericals. In the Procurement Branch, most of our professional people are Geographers. In the Processing Branch, most of them are Librarians, and in Reference Branch, we employ both types of professionals.

II. PROCUREMENT BRANCH:

In the discussion of the general mission mentioned above, there was considerable elaboration on the procurement function indicating the extent to which maps were procured for the Army Map Service, Library of Congress and other mapping agencies. It was explained that there was no monopoly on procurement and that the Army Map Service secured a considerable number of maps through mapping agreements with foreign topographic mapping agencies. From a total of approximately 50 to 60 thousand map sheets procured each year, some 25% go to the Army Map Service. A sample requirement sheet sent and returned by the Geographic Attaché, with notations, was shown [REDACTED] This indicated the specific requirements of the several agencies. The use of State Department channels and of Geographic Attachés in the procurement program was explained.

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QUESTION: Are Geographic Attachés CIA personnel?

ANSWER: No. They are full-time foreign service employees.

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QUESTION: How do you know what maps to order?

ANSWER: Part of the problem is that only about 25% of the maps are purchased from agents. The rest must be gotten as gifts on exchange from the individual publishers or cartographers. Each Area Desk Officer in the Procurement Branch has the responsibility for knowing what is being published in his Area. (An organization report was shown as an example of one source of information on what was going to be published by that mapping agency.)

QUESTION: What materials do foreign agencies get in exchange?

ANSWER: We send government and commercially published maps and

publications. Foreign mapping agencies are generally more interested in publications about how maps are made than they are in maps showing coverage in the United States.

QUESTION: Do you send United States topographic maps to agencies inside the Iron Curtain?

ANSWER: No. Prior to the War, the U. S. Geological Survey sent USGS topographic maps to about 112 different foreign agencies. After the War, this distribution was turned over to us. In this way, we did not have them competing with us and are able to screen the maps going out. The maps go to about 35 different agencies, none of which are back of the Iron Curtain.

QUESTION: Do you know what the recipients of these maps do with them?

ANSWER: Only if it is reported by the Geographic Attachés when they visit the mapping agencies. Most of the agencies maintain them in the map libraries. but make little use of them.

QUESTION: How would it affect your exchange procurement program if the use of U. S. maps on exchange were no longer permissible?

ANSWER: It would not affect all the exchanges, but would affect some.

QUESTION: What use do you make of the DD/P area for procurement?
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ANSWER: We would not be likely to order a/ through the DD/P area. We would first try to procure it through the Embassy in Prague and through contacts of the Geographic Attaché in Bonn. Only if it were not available there, and if the need was extremely urgent, would we put a requirement on the DD/P area. One of the recent requests put on the DD/P area was for maps reported to have been brought out of Russia into Iran.

QUESTION: What is the relative cost of publishing maps as compared to procuring it?

ANSWER: The cost of a published map overseas might be \$1.00 or \$2.00. To publish the same map here, it might cost a \$1,000.00.

QUESTION: How do you carry on procurement with a mapping agency in a foreign country, say, Finland?

ANSWER: The Exchange Agreement was set up by the Geographic Attaché. The correspondence from then on was carried on by the Special Assistant for Maps with the officials of the Agency.

QUESTION: Do you send your exchange materials through the foreign embassy in Washington?

ANSWER: All of our exchange materials are handled through the American Embassy in the foreign country.

QUESTION: The Office of International Trade in the Department of Commerce is concerned with procurement. How does your work tie in with that?

ANSWER: Our exchange program developed as a part of the program under which the Library of Congress is authorized to carry on exchange relations with foreign institutions. In the beginning of the program, the Library of Congress had the responsibility for furnishing exchange materials and the Department of State the responsibility for negotiating exchanges.

QUESTION: If an Army Attaché gets a map, does he send it to you, or does he send it through Army channels?

ANSWER: He sends it through Army channels, but we would be informed of it through Intelligence Reports or through Army Map Service channels.

QUESTION: To whom would the Naval Attaché send it to?

ANSWER: He would send it to ONI or to the Hydrographic Office. The hydrographic charts are procured for the most part through the International Hydrographic Bureau. We have assisted the Hydrographic Office in getting some charts from some countries which do not have hydrographic offices and in getting materials on oceanography.

III. PROCESSING BRANCH:

QUESTION: Do you hold maps and reproduction materials published by Cartography?

ANSWER: We hold stocks of maps but not the reproduction materials.

QUESTION: Do you publish a total listings of the maps held in the Map Library?

ANSWER: Only in the form of cards. We issue a weekly Acquisitions List.

IV. REFERENCE BRANCH:

QUESTION: Whom do you serve?

ANSWER: We give total map reference service to CIA and State and give CIA maps and loan maps to the other parts of the U. S. Government.

QUESTION: Is State second after CIA in the use of the Map Library facilities?

ANSWER: No. We have a major responsibility in servicing State, but the Department of Defense makes greater use of our Reference Service.

QUESTION: If you get a request for maps not published, would you ask Cartography to publish one?

ANSWER: We might refer the individual to Cartography directly. We would request Cartography to make a map only if we had a large number of requests for it.

COMMENT:

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[REDACTED] indicated considerable interest in individual special subject maps and guide books, in the recently received 32 sheet map of the Soviet and in the Acquisitions List. He did not seem to be concerned regarding details of filing maps and commented that he presumed the card files were similar to those held in any library.

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